

was Mrs. Jennie Cavaleri, who at one time had been the wife of an Italian nobleman.

With seven other women she was taken to New York by the federal agents to testify against Frank Filastro, king of the white slavers, who operated a den in Mott street from which the girls were sent to Sacco in Chicago.

In some underground way word reached the gang that Jennie Cavaleri had told the secrets of the Filastro syndicate to the government.

The Cavaleri girl went to Bridgeport, Conn., after making a statement to the federal officials. She was trailed there by five gunmen, working for the syndicate. The gang was headed by Joseph Buenomo, who at one time in Chicago had been Jennie Cavaleri's "man."

The gang of gunmen met the girl in Bridgeport. Buenomo worked on the girl's confidence and induced her to accompany the gang on an automobile trip.

Far out on a lonely stretch of road the gang took the girl. Then the Putney cemetery, a few miles from Bridgeport was reached. The chauffeur was told to halt. Buenomo and the girl left the machine and walked slowly towards a little patch of woods on the outside of the graveyard.

A few minutes later five shots were heard. And then Buenomo came back to the waiting automobile—alone.

They found the body of the girl next day. Buenomo was a marksman of unerring aim. There were five bullets in her head.

A short time later Buenomo was arrested and he confessed. For his crime he was sentenced to hang.

Filastro, the head of the syndicate, was convicted of white slavery last year. Then a new trial was granted. He was released on bonds and skipped to Italy. After his disappearance he was indicted for murder when the government found evidence that the gang had murdered twenty-four persons, suspected of being informers.

The crumbling of the powerful combine was brought about when Rose Rossi told the story that led to the raid on the Chicago headquarters.

Rose Rossi was twenty years old when she was sold to the slavers.

She was of the unusual type of dark beauty that is to be found among the Italians. She lived in New York with her mother, brother and two sisters.

On the street with a girl friend one day she was accosted by a striking looking Italian, who represented himself at Francesco Mariano, property owner. The girl repelled him. But she didn't altogether dislike him. And when he found a mutual acquaintance, James Comico, she rather welcomed an introduction.

Mariano was really Dimetro Mariano, white slave agent. But he knew the game well. With a religious girl like Rosie was then he knew exactly how to work. That's what made him so valuable to the "gang."

Every day he came to see her. And he brought little gifts that pleased Rosie and her mother. Ten days afterward he asked for her hand in marriage. He was accepted.

The marriage was no sooner over than Mariano revealed himself. He told the girl she had to support him by entering a joint. She fled horror-stricken to her mother. He followed her and got her back.

Then he beat her each day until she entered a house at 8 James Slip, in New York. But the keeper got afraid and put her out. Then Mariano sold her to the Filastro syndicate.

Mariano begged the girl to go to Chicago. He said he had a job here. He promised her everything and she forgave him and finally came.

They were met at the station by Sacco and taken to the Alhambra Hotel, 19th and State streets, where she was looked over by the boss of the redlight district. The boss approved of her.

Then Mariano told her why he brought her to Chicago. She tried to